

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Alaska Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Alaska Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2050

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No

03/05/2018

03/05/2020

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 USC 1701

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Agenda items for the meeting include updates on BLM Alaska planning efforts such as the Bering Sea-Western Interior and Central Yukon Resource Management Plans, the Road to Ambler Mining District Environmental Impact Statement, the Donlin Gold Mine Right of Way, and the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline/Alaska LNG project. In addition, the BLM will present updates on the status of Public Land Orders withdrawing land from selection or development, activities in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including the Greater Mooses Tooth Unit 2 project, and the upcoming Oil and Gas Lease Sale. The Placer Mining Subcommittee will present reports on the 2017 placer mining field season and preparations for the 2018 field season, and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Subcommittee will discuss access and subsistence issues. The BLM will also encourage the RAC to provide the BLM with input on recreation, access and transportation issues including the proposed Trans-Alaska Trail along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System corridor; the Transportation Management Plans for the Steese National Conservation Area and the White Mountains National Recreation Area; the possibilities of partnerships with the State and other agencies for access, recreation, and transportation issues; and the possibility of adjusting recreation site fees. The State of Alaska will also make a presentation on the Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources Project.	11/16/2017	11/17/2017

The agenda will include updates on the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A), the Greater Mooses Tooth Unit 2 project and proposed Willow Development. There will be updates on current BLM Alaska planning efforts, such as the Road to Ambler Mining District Environmental Impact Statement and the Bering Sea-Western Interior and Central Yukon Resource Management Plans. Four BLM Alaska RAC subcommittees including Placer Mining, Recreation, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern will give their reports. A focus on cooperative management will explore partnership opportunities for the BLM with the State of Alaska, other Federal agencies, local and Tribal governments, and nongovernmental organizations. A session on Alaska subsistence will include Federal and State responsibilities for the Federal Subsistence Management Program. Ahtna, Inc., one of the 13 Alaska Native Regional Corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, will give a presentation about cooperative subsistence management and effective collaboration between the native corporations and Federal and State agencies. The RAC will hear Intertribal Coalition presentations from the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Kuskokwim Fish Intertribal Commission, and Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission. Presentations on BLM Alaska's conservation science partnerships will explore Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs), including the Northwest Boreal LCC, Western Alaska LCC, Arctic LCC, and Aleutian Bering Sea Islands LCC. The agenda will include updates on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects, including the Greater Mooses Tooth 2 Development, proposed Willow Master Development Plan, Red Devil, and the proposed road to the Ambler Mining District. There will be updates on current BLM Alaska planning efforts, such as the Bering Sea-Western Interior and Central Yukon Resource Management Plans, and the Haines and Squirrel River Plans. There will also be reports from RAC subcommittees on placer mining, recreation, trapper cabins, and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act issues. Discussions will include the BLM's NEPA streamlining and prioritization process, as well as how the BLM works with other federal and state agencies, tribes, and interested parties in preparing NEPA analysis. The three BLM Alaska Districts and the Alaska Fire Service will present overviews of activities occurring in the Field Offices and workload priorities.

05/16/2018 - 05/17/2018

08/14/2018 - 08/15/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$30,000.00	\$33,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$18,000.00	\$19,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$49,000.00	\$53,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Alaska RAC members represent various interest groups and stakeholders throughout Alaska, and therefore provide valuable feedback and recommendations to the BLM regarding various natural resource management programs and land use planning efforts.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Alaska Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests

include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. (there are no Wild Horses and Burros in Alaska) Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The frequency of meetings and their relevance depends on funding and the importance of emerging resource issues. Normally BLM-Alaska holds at least 2 meetings each FY. In FY 2018, there were three RAC meetings.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

It is beneficial that BLM Alaska receive outside counsel from private citizens on its programs and issues. The RAC's diverse membership comes from Native villages and remote towns, urban population centers such as Anchorage and Fairbanks, and from a number of points in between. The group meets periodically to review and analyze issues and offer sound feedback so the BLM can make decisions for what is best for the resources and the American people.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

In FY 2018, there were three RAC meetings; one in Fairbanks and two Anchorage. RAC members received updates on Public Land Order (PLO) withdrawals, the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A), and all planning efforts currently being undertaken by BLM Alaska.

Designated Federal Officer

Ted Alan Murphy BLM Alaska Acting State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Billingsley, Mark	10/02/2015	10/02/2018	Attorney, Alaska Public Defender Agency	Representative Member
Cain, Brennan	10/02/2015	10/02/2018	Vice President & General Counsel Eyak Corporation	Representative Member
Foo, Stanley	10/02/2015	10/02/2018	President & GM, Donlin Gold LLC.	Representative Member

Hart, Lee	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Executive Dir., Tourism Company	Representative Member
Hopson, John	10/02/2015	10/02/2018	Mayor of Wainwright Alaska	Representative Member
Imm, Teresa	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	Tribal	Representative Member
Jorgensen, Bronk	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	Industry	Representative Member
Krause, David	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Conservation Specialist	Representative Member
Little, Suzanne	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	Pew Trust	Representative Member
Longan, Sara	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	State Employee	Representative Member
Martin, Kathryn	01/07/2017	01/07/2020	Vice President, Lands and Resources, AHTNA	Representative Member
Martineau, Faith	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Regulatory Coordinator	Representative Member
Morrison, Gary	12/20/2010	10/02/2018	Retired, Forester/Geologist	Representative Member
Simon, Pollack (PJ)	10/02/2015	10/02/2018	Plumber	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The Alaska RAC is a vital communications link to a wide range of stakeholder groups in the State of Alaska. Cooperation from those groups is essential to maintaining the health of the land, building effective partnerships, and ensuring the responsible use and development of Alaska's natural resources, including those which support the national energy strategy. The RAC members support the agency mission and strategic plan by informing their constituents about BLM plans and projects and conveying citizen concerns back to the BLM for discussion and/or action.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The BLM Alaska RAC continues to be engaged in multiple land use planning efforts (Bering Sea & Western Interior, Central Yukon, and Eastern Interior plans) and implementation throughout the state. The RAC provides community outreach to various stakeholder groups during the planning process and during the development of guidance. The RAC helps reduce user conflicts and fosters greater trust and understanding among

user groups.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Alaska RAC. However, the feedback and input of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

25

Number of Recommendations Comments

During the August 2018, the BLM Alaska RAC adopted a resolution to petition the Alaska Congressional delegation to approve funding allowing the BLM to complete its conveyance actions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The implementation of the RAC's resolution relies solely with actions beyond BLM Alaska's scope

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides oral and written updates during regular RAC meetings about issues addressed by the RAC in the form of formal resolutions and informal advice. Notices containing pertinent information are sent via email throughout the year.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A